Setting up of a national body to monitor Autonomous Colleges

2324. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a separate national body, on the lines and under the control of the University Grants Commission, to monitor autonomous colleges under the new education policy;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when the said body would be set up and to what extent the students would get better education through autonomous colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such body is proposed to be set up. The Scheme of Autonomous colleges is an experiment in decentralisation of academic administration and will provide initiative to colleges and teachers in redesigning courses, in evolving new teaching and evaluation procedures, etc.

Revamping of DTC

2325. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revamp the Delhi Transport Corporation in view of its poor performance;

(b) if so, what new measures are likely to be taken to make DTC's service more effective; and

(c) by when the revamping of DTC would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Delhi Transport Corporation has shown improvement in terms of physical parameters such as fleet utilisation, vehicle utilisation, fuel-conservancy, inventory control etc. In order to achieve progressive improvements in DTC's operations, various measures taken on a continuing basis, include decentralisation of administrative, financial and operational powers, improvements in management information system through computers, plugging of leakages in revenue, improved and intensive checking and rationalisation of routes.

Scheme for Appointment of women teachers in Primary Schools

2336. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a centrally sponsored scheme has been introduced by Government in some backward States for appointment of women teachers in primary schools;

(b) if so, the year of the inception of the scheme and the States where such scheme is being introduced;

(c) whether the said scheme is being introduced in Orissa also; if so, what is the year of the operation; and

(d) what is the number of women teachers working under that schemes in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) To increase the enrolment of girls and pass on the benefits of employment to the weaker sections of society, a Scheme of "Central support for the recruitment and training of lady teachers for Primary